

**Q. Does the police department offer programs for youth?**

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Yes, the Dalton Police Department's Explorer Program is available for boys and girls ages 14 – 20.

The Law Enforcement Explorer Program is a youth program sponsored by the Dalton Police Department where young men and women gain training and experience in the law enforcement field. The program provides opportunities for community involvement and development.

Post activities center around law enforcement training, organized recreational activities and competitive events.

Qualifications:

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Must be 14-20 years of age.

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Must maintain at least a "C" average. Must remain in school until graduation or obtain a GED.

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Must attend the regularly scheduled meetings, including physical training.

Uniforms are provided by the Dalton Police Department.

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The cost is \$20 per year; financial hardship cases may be discussed with Post Advisors.

The Explorer Post meets every Monday at 5:00 pm at different locations.

The Dalton Police Department has an excellent ride-along program that gives the explorer a chance to observe and assist the officer. Some events the explorers participate in include local parades, fireworks shows and charity fund raisers. Applications for the program are reviewed in the fall and winter.

For more information on the Explorer program leave a voice-mail at 706-278-9085, ext. 192 for Officer David Saylor or ext. 220 for Officer Daniel Jones.